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SUBJECT: ANGLO-AMERICAN WHEAT PROJECT

1. CONFIDENT THAT SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF MANAGEMENT DISPUTE INVOLVING ITS COPPER MINING INTERESTS IN SIGHT, ANGLO-AMERICAN EXECUTIVE NOW FEELS OBLIGED "FOR POLITICAL REASONS" TO MAKE SERIOUS MOVES IN DIRECTION OF AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT AND EXPANSION. COMPANY CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN FEASIBILITY STUDY OF LARGE-SCALE WHEAT GROWING IN ZAMBIA TO BEGIN WITH 1,000 ACRE EXPERIMENTAL PLOT WITH ULTIMATE TARGET OF 80,000 ACRES WHICH WOULD SATISFY ZAMBIAN ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS OF 120,000 METRIC TONS, ALL OF WHICH PRESENTLY IMPORTED.

2. ANGLO-AMERICAN'S MANAGER OF ITS AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS (DAVID GLEASON) SEEKS USG ASSISTANCE ON:

A) INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE REGARDING SUITABILITY OF PREDOMINATELY GILGAE CLAY SOILS IN ZAMBIA

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FOR WHEAT GROWING AND BEST VARIETIES OF WHEAT FOR SUCH

SOILS. IF SECRET OF USING THESE HEAVY, MOISTURE HOLDING SOILS CAN BE UNLOCKED, ANGLO BELIEVES IT COULD SAVE LARGE CAPITAL OUTLAYS FOR ARTICIAL IRRIGATION AND LAND PLANEING OR LEVELLING.

B) SUGGESTIONS FOR RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG, DYNAMIC, TOP QUALITY US AGRONOMIST WILLING TO UNDERTAKE PLANTING TRIALS WITH AT LEAST 100 DIFFERENT WHEAT VARIETIES TO SELECT THOSE BEST SUITED TO SINGLE CROP GROWING SEASON DURING ZAMBIAN WINTER (PLANTINGS IN APRIL FOR SEPTEMBER HARVEST).

C) SETTING UP AN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION ARM OF PRIVATE COMMERCIAL FARMERS BUREAU (IN WHICH ANGLO PARTICIPATES), STARTING WITH TWO EXPERIENCED US EXTENSION SPECIALISTS, ONE SKILLED IN CROPS; OTHER IN CATTLE. BOTH NEED THEORETICAL AS WELL AS PRACTICAL EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE. ANGLO ASKS IF AID COULD PROVIDE SUCH EXPERTS AND HELP WITH SALARIES (THERE INDICATION CFB AND/OR ANGLO WILLING MAKE SOME CONTRI-BUTION) OR FAILING THIS IF CFB COULD APPROACH PRIVATE AGENCIES DIRECTLY AS MEANS MINIMIZING OFFICIAL BILATERAL FORMALITIES AND POSSIBLE DELAYS. ANGLO FURTHER ASKS ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING INTERESTED AGENCIES, E.G., EXTENSION DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR OTHER UNIVERSITIES.

3. ANGLO ADMITTED SIMILAR APPROACH ALSO BEING MADE THROUGH AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER (WITH EMPHASIS ON 2A ABOVE) BECAUSE OF SIMILAR SOIL CONDITIONS, BUT ANGLO HOPEFUL USG WITH ITS VAST EXPERIENCE IN WHEAT GROWING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CAN BE PERSUADED TO RESPOND FAVORABLY. ALSO URGED USG TO BE MINDFUL OF EXPORT PROMOTION POTENTIAL FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY UNDERLYING ANY SUCCESSFUL LARGE-SCALE WHEAT GROWING EFFORT.

4. COMMENT: HAVE ADVISED ANGLO REP THAT EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL DURING JOINT VISIT TO ZAMBIA IN MID-APRIL OF OSARAC OFFICIALS WARD AND/OR EATON AND AGATT FREEMAN. MEANWHILE WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT AND AID, IN COLLABORATION WITH AGRICULTURE AT APPROPRIATE BUREAUCRATIC POLICY LEVEL COULD PROVIDE US WITH A FIRST REACTION TO THESE THREE PROPOSALS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOCATION AND DISPATCH OF RESEARCH LITERATURE ON TREATMENT AND USES OF GILGAE CLAY SOILS AND WHEAT VARIETIES SUITABLE TO THIS SOIL AND LATITUDE WOULD BE WELCOME START. HAVE REQUESTED AND WILL FORWARD SOIL SAMPLES TO WASHINGTON. FULL ADDRESSES OF UNIVERSITIES AND AUTHORITIES WHOSE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS ARE RENOWNED FOR WHEAT RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION (UNIVERSITIES OF MINNESOTA AND KANSAS?) WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

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